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SUBJ: CUBANA CRASH: INQUIRIES BY LOCAL PRESS

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1. SINCE REFTTEL DRAFTED, I HAVE HAD INQUIRIES FROM LOCALLY BASED CORRESPONDENTS FOR CARIBBEAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION, RADIO REDIFFUSION, AND REUTER-CANA. ALL THREE INQUIRIES HAD TO DO WITH OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY US; REDIFFUSION INQUIRY ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF CHARGES MADE BY OPPOSITION IN TRINIDAD AND BY ST. VI CENT-CUBA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY THAT US HARBORING ANTI-CASTRO TERRORISTS.

2. WITH REGARD TO OFFER OF ASSISTANCE, WHICH CORRESPONDENTS TOLD ME THEY HAD LEARNED OF THROUGH REPORTS IN TRINIDAD PRESS, I CONFIRMED THAT OFFER HAD BEEN MADE AND THAT GOB HAD TURNED IT DOWN ON GROUNDS SUFFICIENT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WAS ALREADY AVAILABLE. WHEN
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REDIFFUSION CORRESPONDENT ASKED WHETHER US TOOK AT FACE VALUE GOB'S

EXPLANATION FOR NOT ACCEPTING OFFER, I REPLIED THAT WE DID.

3. IN RESPONSE TO REDIFFUSION INQUIRY, I CITED US POSITION OF
UNALTERABLE OPPOSITION TO ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, BY
WHOMEVER CARRIED OUT. WHEN ASKED IF I PROPOSED TO ISSUE STATEMENT
ANSWERING CHARGES, I REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE, POINTING OUT THAT
RECORD OF OUR FIGHT AGAINST TERRRISM SPOKE FOR ITSELF AND
THAT, IN CASE OF ST. VINCENT-CUBA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, THERE
WAS SOME REASON TO SUSPECT ANTI-US BIAS.
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